

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A messaging system, comprising:
2 a memory for storing one or more messages, wherein some of said
3 one or more messages are threaded within others of said one or more messages;
4 and
5 a controller for identifying which of said one or more messages are
6 threaded within said others.

1 2. A messaging system in accordance with claim 1, said controller
2 being configured to indicate that a message threaded within another has
3 been accessed when only a message in which said message has been
4 threaded has been accessed.

1 3. A messaging system in accordance with claim 2, wherein said
2 controller is configured to perform an action on a message having other
3 messages threaded within it and automatically perform said action on said
4 messages threaded within it.

1 4. A messaging system in accordance with claim 3, said action being
2 deleting said message.

1 5. A messaging system in accordance with claim 3, said action being
2 saving said message.

1 6. A messaging system in accordance with claim 5, said messages
2 being e-mail messages.

1 7. A messaging system in accordance with claim 5, said messages
2 being voice mail messages.

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1 8. A messaging system in accordance with claim 1, said controller
2 being configured to provide a prompt to a user if said user selects a message
3 which is threaded within another message.

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1 9. A method for operating a messaging system, comprising:
2 storing one or more first messages;
3 storing one or more second messages, at least one of said one or
4 more first messages being threaded within said one or more second
5 messages; and
6 identifying to a user which of said one or more messages are threaded
7 within said others.

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1 10. A method in accordance with claim 9, said identifying including
2 indicating that a message threaded within another has been accessed when
3 only a message in which said message has been threaded has been
4 accessed.

1 11. A method in accordance with claim 10, including performing an
2 action on a message having other messages threaded within it and
3 automatically performing said action on said other messages threaded within
4 it.

1 12. A method in accordance with claim 11, said performing including
2 deleting said message.

1 13. A method in accordance with claim 12, said performing including
2 saving said message.

1 14. A method in accordance with claim 13, said messages being e-
2 mail messages.

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1 15. A method in accordance with claim 13, said messages being voice
2 mail messages.

1 16. A method in accordance with claim 9, including providing a prompt
2 to a user if said user selects a message which is threaded within another
3 message.

1 17. A method in accordance with claim 13, wherein said messaging
2 system comprises a voice mail system.

1 18. A method in accordance with claim 13, wherein said messaging
2 system comprises a telephony-over-LAN messaging system.

1 19. A messaging system in accordance with claim 1, wherein said
2 messaging system comprises a voice mail system.

1 20. A messaging system in accordance with claim 1, wherein said
2 messaging system comprises a telephony-over-LAN messaging system.

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